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Applicants: Lee and McPherron Art Unit: 1635
Application No.: 09/640,887 Examiner: J.E. Angell
Filed: August 17, 2000 Confirmation No.: 6417
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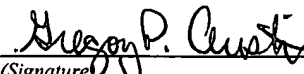
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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Amendment in Response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2003, including Exhibits A, B, C & D (35 pgs.);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (2 Months) (2 pgs. in duplicate);
3. Check No. 554207 in the amount of \$210.00; and
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Applicant claims **SMALL ENTITY status** in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.


The Fee for this Response is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	20	53	0	x \$09	x \$18	\$0
Independent Claims	3	9	0	x \$43	x \$86	\$0
Multiple Claims	-	-		\$145	\$290	\$0
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

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Responsive to the Office Communication mailed September 22, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view thereof and the following remarks are respectfully requested.